

## **Community Project Funding requests**

- Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies:
  - The Eastpointe Commons: Redeveloping Fulton Manor project
    - Requested \$500,000
    - Recipient: Hope Network
    - Recipient address: 3075 Orchard Vista Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
  - The Gerald R Ford International Airport Concourse A Expansion and Widening Phase 1, Gate A3 Expansion project
    - Requested: \$1,000,000
    - Recipient: The Gerald R Ford Airport Authority
    - Recipient address: 5500 44th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
  - The Rapid Zero Emission Bus Project
    - Requested: \$2,355,200
    - Recipient: Interurban Transit Partnership (The Rapid)
    - Recipient address: 250 Grandville Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
  - The West Michigan Urban Amphitheater Project
    - Requested: \$1,000,000
    - Recipient: Grand Rapids/ Kent County Convention-Arena Authority
    - Recipient address: 303 Monroe Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Eastpointe Commons: Redeveloping Fulton Manor project. The project sponsor for this project is the Hope Network, located at 3075 Orchard Vista Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

The funding is designated to help transform the 195,000 square foot Fulton Manor, which has been vacant for several years, into Eastpointe Commons. This will not be a shelter. The \$40 million initiative will add 118 affordable apartments with dignified amenities for low-income seniors, housing vulnerable families, and unhoused residents to the local housing stock. Our plan targets potential tenants earning 60% or less of the area median income. Rent will be calculated at 30% of tenant income. Forty-two apartments will be rented at little or no cost as permanent supportive housing to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, and those with disabilities. Two Housing Specialists, contracted through Community Rebuilders, will serve on site to help residents live independently and remain housed.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: It will provide permanent housing with one-year leases or longer. This includes the Permanent Supportive Housing apartments that will have one-year leases to provide security and emphasize residential stability. The facility will provide 2 FTEs as Housing Specialists who will be contract employees of Community Rebuilders. These Housing Specialists will be like social workers who are on site to help the Permanent Supportive Housing residents to live independently and stay housed so that they do not lose their homes. They will connect residents to resources and services they need. They also arrange social activities to bring together residents and the Permanent Supportive Housing residents so they create a community. This project will address the acute need for low-income housing in Grand Rapids.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Concourse A Expansion & Widening project. The project sponsor for this project is the Gerald R. Ford Airport Authority located at 5500 44th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512.

The funding is designated for an expansion that will add eight new gates to Concourse A. The full expansion will widen the 66 ft concourse to up to 120 ft and lengthening by 510 ft to a total of more than 900 ft. When completed in 2023, the Ford Airport morning rush will be seamless for passengers and airlines, and the airport will be situated to accept many more daily flights for thousands of additional passengers. Phase 1 of this effort is an enabling project for the full build out and includes a 1,600 square foot addition to gate A3.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: The Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GRR) generates \$3.1 B of economic activity annually for West Michigan with 2,000 direct jobs. The airport terminal core is reaching capacity with significant aircraft gate and hold room constraints and challenges. Six domestic airlines currently provide service to West Michigan via 15 aircraft gates, 7 on Concourse A and 8 on Concourse B. 14 gates are preferentially leased to airlines, with one gate being held as common use infrastructure. Beyond the necessity for additional aircraft gates to support daily operations, Concourse A was constructed at 66' wide for small regional jets seating 30-50 passengers. Today, mainline aircraft with 120-180 seats regularly board from Concourse A, routinely exceeding hold room capacities. The expansion and widening of Concourse A will provide 8 new gates with appropriately sized hold rooms and increase the size of existing hold rooms to foster the continued connectivity of West Michigan to the world. The additional terminal square footage will reduce both aircraft and passenger congestion. While the full Concourse A Expansion & Widening remains a priority for Project Elevate, progress has slowed due to the global pandemic. Phase 1, an expansion of the gate A3 hold room, will provide immediate congestion relief to the core of Concourse A while preparing the facility for the full expansion and widening buildout.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Rapid Zero Emission Bus project.

The project sponsor for this project is the Interurban Transit Partnership (The Rapid), located at 250 Grandville Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

The funding would be used to support the purchase of eight electric vehicles and charging infrastructure to provide on all-electric demand transportation service in two zones in The Rapid's service area. These zones are characterized by industrial employment clusters that are not easily served by fixed route buses, providing a new and innovative transportation options to riders lowering, emissions and facilitating a transition to electric vehicles. The on-demand zones are called for by a recently completed Comprehensive Operations Analysis to provide enhanced access to the jobs in this area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

This will be The Rapid's first electric vehicle and first regular on-demand service, providing zero-emission transportation service as well as providing a more flexible transportation option for our passengers looking to access these zones. This project has numerous benefits, including enhancing the economic opportunities in our region, reducing the pollution and carbon emissions of The Rapid's fleet, and introducing new technologies to our region that may be adopted in future transportation initiatives. The installation of electric bus charging infrastructure is critical to future fleet electrification. The project also maximizes efficiency of The Rapid's fixed route system and meets the needs of underserved areas by identifying on-demand ones at the Walker/Three Mile Area and the Broadmoor/Airport Area. These zones cover approximately 45,000 jobs and 14,900 residents.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the West Michigan Urban Amphitheater Project. The project sponsor for this project is the Grand Rapids/ Kent County Convention-Arena Authority located at 303 Monroe Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

The funding is designated for planning and for site modifications and rehabilitation of an 11 acre downtown site for an Urban Amphitheater. Funding will be used to assist in the final site planning, acquisition of materials, site modification, and construction of the entire 11 acre area. This is a multi-season urban amphitheater in downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan, creating a unique urban entertainment district for residents of the City and citizens from around the entire region – including at least four to five additional counties. West Michigan officials expect to provide year-round access to entertainment and will tie in other venues critical to keeping the West Michigan urban hub a dynamic, safe, socially-diverse center.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: This project will serve as a flagship project for the Authority and will serve citizens from around the entire region including those from the City, Suburbs, and Rural West Michigan. This will serve as a year-round park; allow for local cultural and ethnic festivals and performing arts; possible summer/fall home of the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra; serve as a significant economic engine that will create jobs and millions in regional revenue; allow for spin-off development; and tie in many of the surrounding area attractions and venues, including local transit, lodging, dining, higher education and training.

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